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Is The Greatest Naval Battle In History Soon To Be Begun?

British and French Closing In On German Bases Is Belief Of Observers

Extraordinary Events Taken as Indication

All Steamers to Holland Stopped; Preparations to Close British Ports; British Submarine Activity; French and British Warships for North, all Thought to Show That "The Day" is Near

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TRADES UNIONS HAVE SENT 4,000 MEN TO FRONT

Ottawa, April 22.—Returns to the labor department show that at the beginning of the year about 4,000 trades union men had enlisted. The building trades furnished 1,340 men, and head the list. Railway brotherhoods come next with 461. Toronto leads. Winnipeg next, Montreal third, Vancouver fourth.

MANY DIE IN FLOODS IN TEXAS

Austin, Texas, April 22.—Floods that swept down Waller and Shoal Creeks last night, took a toll of fifteen or twenty lives today. Houses were jammed in masses against the bridges.

WEATHER BULLETIN

ELECTION JUNE 21? Conservatives Lease Ontario Sign Boards For Three Weeks Previous to That Date

Montreal, April 22.—A special despatch from Toronto to the Montreal Star says: There are more indications of a June election. In several ridings the Conservatives have leased all the signboards for three weeks preceding June 21, which date, it would seem, is the day upon which the Borden government will take its plunge.

SIR WILFRID NOT ON SPEAKING TOUR

Ottawa, Ont., April 22.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who will spend next week in the province of Quebec, does not plan to make any speeches.

Parity Fair

JENNINGS TAKES ANOTHER CLIMB

St. John Artilleryman in England Now Quartermaster Sergeant

SEES LITTLE FIGHT AT SEA

British Destroyer Chases German Submarine Just off Site of Camp—Re-arrangement of the Batteries—News of St. John Boys

Another letter, and a very interesting one, came to Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Jennings of East St. John, from their son, Frank X., formerly a Times reporter, who now is serving the king in the second Canadian contingent artillery in England. He writes under date of April 9:—

TRADEWALKER SUNK

London, April 22.—After a hull of several days, German submarines have resumed operations in the North Sea. The trade-walker, St. Lawrence was torpedoed on Thursday and two of her crew were killed. Seven survivors were landed at Grimsby today.

LEGISLATURE WILL PRODUCE

Frederick, N. B., April 22.—Government supporters are in caucus again this morning discussing Valley Railway matters. Adjournment of the session will not take place until the latter part of next week.

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Bold Attack by British Airman—Bombardment at Dardanelles Goes on—German Submarines Again Active

London, April 23 (11:30 a. m.)—There has been given out in London this morning the semi-weekly report on conditions at the front. It is dated April 22, and reads as follows:—

ACTIVITY IN DARDANELLES

Paris, April 23.—A dispatch from Athens says: Reports from Chios state that heavy firing had been heard there since Thursday morning and leads to the supposition that bombardment of the Smyrna forts has been resumed.

RUSSIAN ESCAPES CAPTURED

London, April 23.—A Russian despatch from Petrograd says:— "There was much activity yesterday on the part of Russian ships. One dropped fifteen bombs at Black Sea. Several German boats on the Vistula were sunk as were the railroad station and train."

CZAR AT LEMBERG

London, April 23, p. m.—Emperor Nicholas and his family left for Lemberg Grand Duke Nicholas met him. This gives the first definite news of the whereabouts of Grand Duke Nicholas since a report last week that he had been sent by General Baron Sivers, commander of the defeated Russian army.

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Ottawa, April 22.—The government has raised the embargo against the importation of cattle, sheep and swine to Canada from the United Kingdom. The work is a little heavier than before but I like it all right.

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Twelve Canadians Killed And 45 Are Wounded

The Casualty List of Last Two Days Means Our Boys in Heavy Ypres Fighting—General Health of Troops Excellent

Ottawa, Ont., April 22.—Within the last two days the Canadian casualty list records twelve killed and forty-five wounded. The death toll of the Canadian division now reaches the total of 820. The list of wounded is upwards of a thousand.

ALL BUSY ON THE WARSHIPS

London, April 22.—Shipbuilding yards around the coast of Great Britain are more and more engaged on warship construction, and the output of mercantile vessels is thereby decreasing. Last month only twelve vessels were launched on the Clyde against fifteen last year.

THE I. C. R. SITUATION

Ottawa, April 22.—From present indications there will be no interference from Ottawa if a strike occurs among certain employees of the I. C. R. The railway department's position is that the whole direction is in the hands of P. E. Gullis. If a strike develops, and it is not regarded very seriously, the railway management will deal with it.

SWISS READY FOR TROUBLE

Rome, April 22.—Ulrich Wille, commander of the Swiss army, is quoted in an interview in The Tribune as declaring his country's military forces must be kept mobilized. Although no other power at present threatens Switzerland, he said, an incident might occur on the frontier at any time which would compel the Swiss to enforce their rights and their neutrality.

WAR NOTES

The Germans have captured and taken into Hamburg the Norwegian steamer Brilliant, Norway for London, with granite, dice, plank and paper.

JURY TO PASS UPON QUESTION OF MENTAL CONDITION OF MIND

New York, April 22.—The question of the sanity of Harry Thaw will be determined by a jury. Supreme court Justice Hendrick today granted the application for a trial made by Thaw's attorneys.

MARTIAL LAW TODAY PROCLAIMED IN PORTUGAL

Lisbon, April 22.—Martial law was proclaimed in Portugal today following the action of five municipal chambers in refusing to accept the validity of government decrees. The chamber of Oporto has been dissolved. Similar action will be taken in Lisbon. Troops have been sent to the other towns affected.

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HENDERSON PROVES ALIBI

An Interesting Session Over Alleged Gambling Case

Robert Henderson charged with participating in an alleged game of poker on last Sunday in a building at 13 Dock street, proved an alibi this morning and was acquitted.

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Glasgow, April 23.—The seaman's strike on charges of drunkenness and creating a disturbance in the residence of his sister in Charlotte street, was allowed out on a suspended sentence.

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